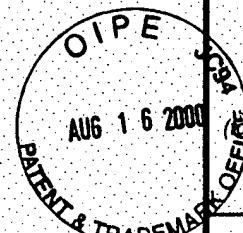


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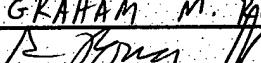
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August 12, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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RE: Patent Application # 09/542,674

Dear Sir:

This letter is to request that the filing date of this application be corrected from 04/01/2000 to 03/31/2000.

03/31/2000 is the actual date of mailing of this application. A certificate of mailing on 03/31/2000 was included with the application. (A copy is attached.)

I picked up the express mail envelope and purchased stamps for the envelope on the afternoon of the 31st. (A copy of the receipt is attached.) It was only later in the evening that I completed the application. The post office was already closed when I mailed the application. Apparently, the envelope was postmarked the next day when the post office reopened.

It was and is my understanding that the certificate of mailing is the recognized guide for establishing the mailing date for correspondence to the Patent Office. I would appreciate your cooperation in adjusting the filing date for this application.

Sincerely,

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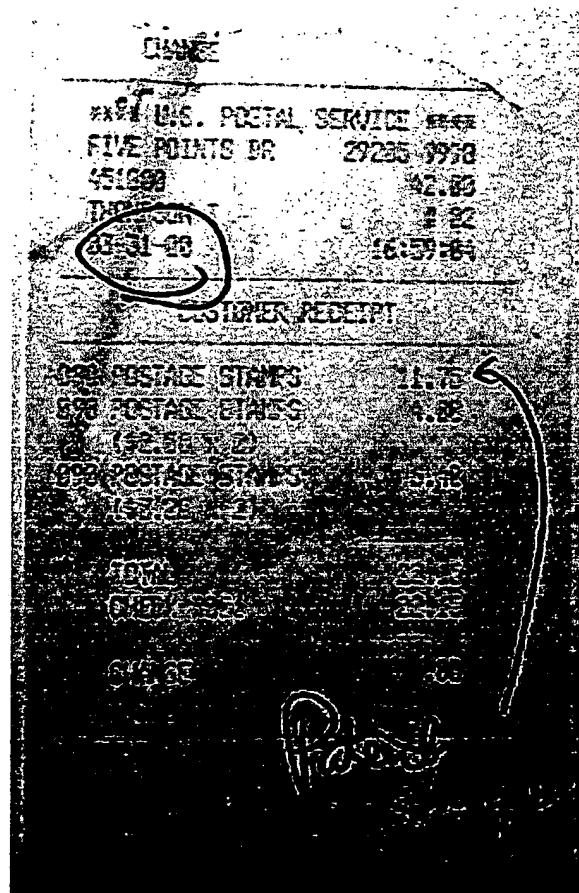
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.**

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